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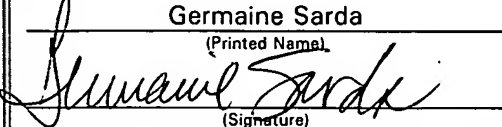
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NUCLEIC ACIDS

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (29 pages).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (3 pages).
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages).
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 (4 pages).

- ☒ Statement to Support Filing and Submission of Sequence Listing Previously Submitted in Parent Application (2 pages).
- ☒ Sequence Listing – paper copy (3 pages).
- ☒ Return postcard.

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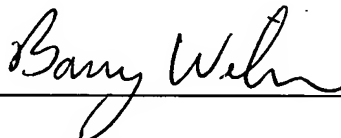
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